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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Paul Akers)
Serial No.: 10/754,413) Examiner: James N. Smalley
Filing Date: 01/09/2004) Art Unit: 3727
Title: COVER PIECE AND METHOD) Attorneys' Ref. P214498
FOR COFFEE CUP LIDS)

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 7, 2006. It is believed that no fee is due at this time to maintain the application in full force and effect. However, if any such fee or charge is due, please charge this fee to Deposit Account No. 502099.

Please amend the application as described herein.

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed on April 7, 2006, in connection with this case. In that Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 11, 15, and 16 but rejected claims 1-4, 7, and 9.

By this Amendment, the Applicant has canceled claims 1-4, 7, and 9. The Applicant has canceled these claims in order to expedite prosecution of the present application but reserves the right to traverse the rejections of these claims at a later time. The Applicant has also taken this opportunity to amend claim 15 so that it depends from claim 11 rather than canceled claim 14.